



**TOM CILMI**  
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**10th District**

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**Quilts for Books**



Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi along with Deputy Presiding Officer Wayne Horsley, recently joined Brian Chamberlin, Principal of Harding Avenue Elementary School in Lindenhurst in welcoming Star Olson and Kellyann Goring, teachers from Cypress Ridge Elementary School in Lake County, Florida.

Over the past school year, the students of Cypress Ridge Elementary worked a project called "Quilts for Books." The students created quilt squares which were sewn together to create beautiful quilts. In May, at their annual Celebration of Learning, the quilts were raffled off, and through the school district community's generosity, \$2,500 was raised. This money then was used to purchase books to help rebuild teachers' class libraries that were destroyed in a natural disaster like Super Storm Sandy.

Through a connection with a relative, Star reached out to Legislator Cilmi for help in making a connection to a local school district in need. Cilmi, who represents communities in the Town of Islip immediately thought of Lindenhurst.

"The generosity of our nation shines brightest in times of great need," said Legislator Cilmi. "We are so grateful to Ms. Olsen, Ms. Goring, and all the students and community members from Cypress Ridge Elementary School for their thoughtfulness. I feel blessed to have been able to help in some small way."